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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of August 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Yohalem.

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant

The Board met with Jessica Bosworth, new Administrative Secretary, to review and discuss starting date, hours and pay.

The Board completed a letter to Ms. Betsy Colhoun expressing condolences on the passing of her husband Herb Abelow.

The Finance Committee and the Board met in joint session to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of William Hattendorf on the Finance Committee.

After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to appoint Mr. Mark Carson to fill the vacant seat until the next Annual or Special Election.

The Board announced that it will host another Saturday Selectmen's meeting at 10am on October 12, 2013 at the Meeting House.

The Board reviewed and discussed scheduling a meeting with Superintendent David Hastings with a meeting date to be announced.

The Board would like to schedule Selectmen's meetings with MassDOT, State Representative Pignatelli, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and the Governor.

The Board would like to see more estimates on the installing cost of two punch keypads and three deadbolt locks for the Town Hall. The Board has received one estimate from JJ Lock in the amount of \$1763.50.

The Board updated the public on a recent School Committee meeting.

It was noted that bid packages are now available for Canaan Southfield Bridge (aka Foley Bridge).

The total amount received, so far, from MassWorks is \$9991.00 for May, June and July. Follow-up calls will be made to MassWorks on the status of funds owed.

It was noted the Police Chief, Scott Farrell, would like to be on the agenda for September 9, 2013 to discuss software for the Police Department. He will be scheduled for 6:30pm on the 9th.

The Board announced that it had received notice that Town Clerk, Kathy Chretien, passed the Massachusetts Town Clerk exam with a total score of 92.60.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Gina Furio as Alternative Delegate to Wired West.

Mr. & Mrs. Kahn of Rhoades & Bailey Road appeared before the Board to review and discuss a water problem in their yard. The Board suggested that a swale be cut through the upper part of the property. Mr. & Mrs. Kahn are willing to pay full price for the work to be done but would like guidance of the Highway Superintendent. The Board has no problem with allowing the Highway Superintendent to give guidance to the Kahns.

The Board reviewed and discussed the repair of the culvert on Clayton Mill River Road. It was noted that an engineering survey of the project is in the works but it is not sure when the work will be completed.

It was noted that MassWorks has a new round grants up to \$500,000.00. The Board will inquire to see if the Town is eligible. The funds would be used to finish the Clayton Mill River Road project. It was noted that applications must be in by September 13, 2013.

The Board reviewed and discussed the bid for re-paving for Canaan Southfield Road. Two bids were received:

LB Corp. for \$198,397.39
Lane Construction for \$218,010.00

It was noted that the Highway Superintendent was recommending the lower bid of \$198,397.39 from LB Corp.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept the bid from LB Corp. in the amount of \$198,397.39.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded and so voted to adjourn at

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant